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Subject: End of Day -- December 18, 2018

PRESS

Press release Issued: [EPA awards Arizona \\$30.8 million for drinking water and wastewater projects](#). WTR, Nahal Mogharabi

Press release issued: [EPA awards Nevada \\$20.8 million for drinking water and wastewater projects](#). WTR, Nahal Mogharabi

Press release issued: [EPA awards California \\$187 million for drinking water and wastewater projects](#). WTR, Nahal Mogharabi.

Sun City Independent Newsmedia (Chris Caraveo) [Received 12/18]—CLOSED—Reporter was looking for exact amount of SRF funding the Tierra Buena Water Company received. Referred reporter to the state. Ariz. WTR, Nahal Mogharabi.

Nevada Record Courier (Kurt Hildebrand) [Received 12/18]—CLOSED—Reporter was looking for exact amount of SRF funding the Douglas County received. Referred reporter to the state. NV. WTR, Nahal Mogharabi.

NBC Universal (Jeff Daniels) [Received 12/18]—CLOSED—Reporter was looking for comment from EPA on concerns that the repeal/replace of WOTUS would increase foodborne illnesses. Referred reporter to HQ. WTR, Kelly Zito.

USA Today (Ian James) [Received 12/18]—OPEN—Reporter was looking for an interview with RA following his recent investigative series on pollution issues at the U.S./Mexico Border. Checking in with HQ as request is from national outlet. Border. Nahal Mogharabi.

WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

Social Media:

Environmental Justice Grants – Posted to our [Twitter](#) page about the open application period for environmental justice small grants and linked to our [Environmental Justice Small Grants Program](#)

Web Updates:

San Francisco Bay Delta Watershed/Water Quality Improvement Fund – Published new reports and consolidated reports on our [SF Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund Progress Reports](#) pages and completed routine maintenance on several other pages of our [San Francisco Bay Delta Watershed](#) site.

Online Updates:

Equal Employment & Diversity – Updated the [Outreach page](#) on the EE&D site to remove info about the MOU with Arizona State University which expires this week, and update contact info for UC Riverside MOU.

CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

Arizona Governor Doug Ducey Taps Rep. Martha McSally for McCain Senate Seat: Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey (R) will tap outgoing Rep. Martha McSally (R-Ariz.) to fill the seat of the late GOP Sen. John McCain, according to The Arizona Republic. McSally lost a bitterly-fought Senate race in November against Rep. Kyrsten Sinema (D-Ariz.). McSally will serve out the remaining two years of McCain's term and will face a special election in 2020.

Congressional Outreach on SRF Press Releases for Arizona, California, and Nevada: Brent Maier shared today's SRF press releases for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure improvements with Congressional staff in the offices each State delegation member. EPA awarded Nevada \$20.8 million to Nevada; \$187 million for California; and \$30.8 million for Arizona. Following the sharing of this information, Brent received some Congressional staff inquiries regarding whether our office could provide a breakdown of funds being awarded by Congressional District. Brent reached out to Water Division and Doug Eberhardt provided some information to share with these staff. Follow up inquiries were received from Edgar D. Rodríguez in the Office of Congresswoman Norma J. Torres; Anais Borja in the Office of Congressman Scott Peters; and Jacqueline Lopez, District Director in the Office of Congressman Raul Ruiz.

Sen. Feinstein Staff Inquiry on Cargill and a Forthcoming Jurisdictional Decision/Determination: Brent Maier along with Office of Regional Counsel's Sylvia Quast had a call today with John Murray in Sen. Feinstein's San Francisco Office regarding John's earlier inquiry about the Cargill facility in the South Bay and an upcoming jurisdictional decision as to whether Cargill was subject to WOTUS. Sylvia let John know that this issue is being handled out of HQ and she would see if she can identify someone in HQ to follow up with John. (N. Ca – WTR)

ECOS Executive Director Announced: Donald Welsh will become executive director of the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS), the coalition of state and territorial environmental protection agencies announced Monday. Welsh has served since 2017 as chairman of the Citizens Advisory Council to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, and was previously EPA Region 3 administrator from 2001 until 2009.

Upcoming Congressional Meetings/Calls, Hearings, Intergovernmental Meetings and Events:

Tuesday, December 20, 2018 – San Francisco Supervisor-Elect Shamann Walton: Supervisor-Elect Walton for the 10th San Francisco District reached out to Superfund's John Chesnutt to request a meeting with to discuss testing at the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard. The meeting is scheduled for December 20, 2018.

Thursday – Friday, January 10 – 11, 2019 - EPA Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC): The LGAC will have their next face to face meeting January 10 -11, 2019 at EPA Headquarters. A New Members Orientation session will be held for new and returning Members. The public meeting will feature Senior EPA officials and a panel of Assistant Administrators from the EPA Program offices. Also, there will be an Intergovernmental Forum with guest speakers of national intergovernmental organizations for a featured discussion on risk communication and local governments. The LGAC Water Workgroup will meet December 10th 4:30-5:30 pm which will feature Eric Burneson, Office of Groundwater and Drinking Water, to give an update on drinking water and toxic algal blooms. The meeting will also feature a presentation by Betsy Behl with the Office of Science and Technology on innovative detection and monitoring technologies. The Revitalizing Communities Workgroup will hold a preparatory call on Thursday, December 13, 2018

from 3:00-4:00 p.m. to discuss and provided feedback on the January LGAC agenda. OCIR will soon announce a solicitation to fill LGAC and SCAS 2019. Eligible membership includes nominees who currently serve in elected or appointed office of state, local and tribal government. It is anticipated that there will up to 15 vacancies to fill in 2019 on the LGAC. OCIR Contact: Fran Eargle

Wednesday – Friday, January 23 – 25, 2019 - U.S. Conference of Mayors 2019 Winter Meeting: The US Conference of Mayors will convene its 87th Winter Meeting in Washington, DC January 23 – 25, 2019. Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin (Columbia, SC), serves as President, and will preside. Mayors Bryan K. Barnett (Rochester Hills, MI) and Greg Fischer (Louisville, KY) are Vice President and Second Vice President, respectively. Resolutions are not considered during the Winter Meeting. However, Policy Committees (including the Environment Committee, Chaired by Mayor Francis X Suarez, Miami, FL) are expected to convene in Concurrent Working Sessions throughout the conference. The Mayors Water Council will convene on Wednesday January 23rd. Mayors David J. Berger (Lima, OH), and Jill Techel (Napa, CA) are Co-Chairs. The Council has invited Dave Ross, Assistant Administrator for Water, and Lee Forsgren, Deputy Assistant Administrator, to address the mayors on EPA's Priorities and provide updates. Both spoke to the convening during the 2018 Winter Meeting. It is anticipated that OW leadership will provide brief overviews and spend the remainder of their time responding to questions and engaging in dialogue with the mayors. Office of Intergovernmental Relations (OIR) staff will work with OW and USCM staff to finalize the details of this appearance. OCIR Contact: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon